

SEABEE CAMP IN PALAU CHANGES HANDS

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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE's (NMCB-ONE) Civic Action Team (CAT) relieved NMCB FOUR on recently at a ceremony held at Camp Katuu, in Airai, Palau, marking the end of NMCB-FOUR's deployment and the start of another. LTJG Steve Lepper assumed the duties as Officer-in-Charge from ENS Dave Closas of NMCB FOUR.

The ceremony was conducted by CAPT Nate Fonnesbeck, USAF, Assistant Officer-in-Charge of Detachment Civic Action Teams Guam. After a few remarks he introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Elias Chin, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Ret. He addressed a crowd of over 60 people, reminding them of the numerous contributions that Seabees have made in nearly 25 years of deployments to Palau through construction projects, apprentice training programs, and community relations events.

A special Certificate of Appreciation was then presented by Billy Kuarthei, Chief of Staff to the President of Palau, to NMCB FOUR thanking them for their exceptional hard work and dedication to duty from May to September 2003.



Members of CAT Palau from NMCB ONE and NMCB FOUR participate in turnover ceremony.